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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 24 JANUARY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1175-0-01 (ACCNO 6193)      Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED  
Name: KARGER, BARRY EDWIN      Date Status assigned: 3 Jan 1994

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A #
Grade	02	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	11 Aug 1945	Weight	188 lb / 85.2 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXE553795  
Lat/Long: 175358N / 1062758E  
Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 4  
Mission Province: QUANG BINH  
(formerly):  
Mission District: QUANG TRACH  
Mission Date: 14 May 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES  
Folders Passed: Jul 93, Apr 93, Nov 86  
Investigations: Jun 93  
Surveys: Jun 93  
Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE  
Survivability: (5) In the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A4F	Serial: 154198
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: RAVEN 304	1 Serial: 661383
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

# = Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.  
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.  
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

26 January 1976

ON 14 MAY 1968 LTJG BARRY E. KARGER WAS THE PILOT OF N A4F AIRCRAFT, (BUNO #154198), LEADING AN F8 ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NVN, FLYING SOUTH, PARALLELING THE COAST TWO MILES OFFSHORE, LTJG KARGER CALLED, "I'M ROLLING IN" AT ABOUT 5000 FEET. AFTER COMPLETING A 90 DEGREE TURN, THE AIRCRAFT WAS INVERTED AND BEGAN PULLING THROUGH TO TRACK TARGET. THE AIRCRAFT THEN APPEARED TO GO OUT OF CONTROL AND CRASH IN THE VICINITY OF GC XE 553 795. THE PILOT DID NOT EXIT THE AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO IMPACT. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LTJG KARGER IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

11 August 1992

VEHICLE DATA ON THE 55 REPORT SHOULD HAVE AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER #154198 PER MSG. (REF 1)

SOURCE CORRECTLY PROVIDED THE NAME, SERIAL NUMBER, BRANCH OF SERVICE, RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE, AND BLOOD TYPE OF LTJG BARRY E. KARGER. (REF 3)

=== REFERENCES ===

26 January 1976

REFERENCES: <1> MSG, USS BON HOMME RICHARD, 140932Z MAY 68. <2> JCRC LNO BK, 070443 JUN 90. <3> CJTFFA DET ONE BKK TH/170912Z JUN 92, T92-003. <4> CJTFFA DET ONE BK TH 240354Z JUL 93. <5> CJMAO ALEXANDRIA VA 031705Z JAN 94. <6> CDR JTF-FA/J2 241112Z JAN 94, CDR JTF-FA/J2 271152Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON BARRY E. KARGER WAS PASSED DURING THE 29 OCT - 1 NOV 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

19 April 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR 1175 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE FOLLOWING THE 5-6 APR 93 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

. 30 July 1990

DURING THE TENTH ITERATION WHILE INVESTIGATING ANOTHER CASE IN THE AREA, A WITNESS PROVIDED AN ACCURATE LOCATION AND A GENERAL TIME FRAME FOR LOSS OF REFNO 1175. (REF 2)

7 August 1993

ON 27 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1175 IN KY LOI VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES WHO REPORTED ON A JET AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED IN THE CAU RANG RIVER SOMETIME BETWEEN 1966 AND 1968. THE PILOT WAS KILLED DURING THIS INCIDENT AND PART OF HIS BODY WAS TAKEN TO DISTRICT OFFICIALS. THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS WAS UNKNOWN. ONE WITNESS PRESENTED COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION MEDIA WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH PERSONAL DATA ON THE INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1175. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE AND RECOVERED ONE PROBABLE AIRCREW-RELATED ITEM. IN HA TINH TOWNSHIP, A VILLAGER TURNED IN NUMEROUS LARGE BONES AND SMALL BONE FRAGMENTS. THREE TEETH (ALL WITH RESTORATION), AND THE ORIGINAL IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM THE CRASH SITE IN THE CAU RANG RIVER. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS (BY A USCILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST) OF THE TEETH AND BONES SUGGESTS THE INDIVIDUAL IS OF WESTERN (EUROPEAN/AMERICAN) ORIGIN. BASED ON NAME, RANK, AND SERVICE NUMBER ASSOCIATION FROM THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA, THIS INCIDENT CORRELATES TO CASE 1175. (REF 4)

24 January 1994

ON THE 24TH JFA, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM SURVEYED A SUSPECTED A-4E CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES 48QXE509189572 IN HA TINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE CORRESPONDS PRECISELY WITH REFNO 1175 LOSS LOCATION; HOWEVER, JTFFA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE ITEMS RECOVERED ARE INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE CORRELATION TO THE REFNO 1175 INCIDENT. (REF 6)

CASE: 1175 === REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

5 January 1994

ON 9 JULY 1993, DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM, A WITNESS TURNED OVER REMAINS, PERSONAL ITEMS AND MEDIA DATA ALLEGEDLY RECOVERED FROM THE REFNO 1175 CRASH SITE. ON 3 AUGUST 1993, THE SRV REPATRIATED THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF LTJG KARGER IN BOX # 2. ON 3 JAN 1994, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS AS LTJG BARRY E. KARGER, REFNO 1175-0-01. (REF 5)

21 JUL 1993



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NARRATIVE

ON 14 MAY 1968, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE BARRY E. KARGER WAS FLYING AN A-4F ATTACK BOMBER (SERIAL NUMBER 154198) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED DURING AN ORDNANCE DELIVERY RUN IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE553795, APPROXIMATELY 3 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF RON, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT SAW NO PARACHUTE AND HEARD NO ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNALS.

IN JULY 1988, IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BASED ON THEIR INVESTIGATION:

"ON MAY 1968, AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN AT QUANG DONG VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT. UPON IMPACT THE AIRCRAFT CREATED A LARGE EXPLOSION AND BURNED FOR MANY HOURS. NO PILOT WAS SEEN EJECTING FROM THE AIRCRAFT. LOCAL MILITIA FORCES ARRIVED TO INSPECT THE CRASH SITE. THEY STATED THE AIRCRAFT HAD BROKEN INTO MANY PARTS AND BURNED FIERCELY WITH THE ODOR OF BURNED FLESH EMANATING FROM THE FLAMES. IN THE EARLY 1980'S, LOCAL VILLAGERS CAME TO THE CRASH SITE TO SALVAGE SCRAP METAL. THEY DISCOVERED NO REMAINS."

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: KARGER, BARRY EDWIN

RANK: LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, U.S. NAVY

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

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RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.88 METERS

WEIGHT: 85.2 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BLOND

EYES: HAZEL

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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 14 tháng 5 năm 1968, Trung Úy NAME đã bay một chiếc máy bay oanh kích A-4F (số là 154198) trong biên đội gồm hai chiếc. Máy bay đã bị rơi trong khi thả bom ở khu vực tọa độ XE553795, độ khoảng 3 ki-lô-mét phía tây-bắc RON, tỉnh QUANG BINH. Những biên đội viên khác đã không chiếc dù và không nghe tín hiệu cấp cứu.

Vào tháng 7 năm 1988, để trả lời về sự yêu cầu của chính phủ Mỹ, Phòng Việt-Nam Tìm Kiếm Những Người Bị Mất Tích (VNOSMP) đã phát ra tin tức như sau: Vào tháng 5 năm 1968, một máy bay Mỹ đã bị bắn rơi ở xã QUANG ĐÔNG, huyện QUANG TRACH. Khi sự chạm máy bay bị nổ to và cháy nhiều giờ. Không thấy phi công đầu nhảy dù ra máy bay. Du kích địa phương đã đến để thanh tra chỗ máy bay rơi và báo là máy bay bị gãy chia nhiều phần và đã cháy mạnh. Có thể mùi thịt người bị cháy trong máy bay. Vào đầu thập kỷ 1980, dân làng địa phương đã đến chỗ máy bay rơi để thủ hồi sắt. Họ không tìm được hài cốt. Chỗ máy bay rơi VNOSMP được điều tra có thể liên quan với vụ này.

Số liệu thích hợp như sau:

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Họ và tên: NAME

Cấp bậc: Trung Úy, Hải Quân, Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: DATA

Chủng tộc: Da Trắng

Chiều cao: 1.88 mét

Sức nặng: 85.2 ki-lô-gám

Màu tóc: Vàng hoe

Màu mắt: Nâu đỏ

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